



FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Readers, Contributors and Members,

the current Issue of the BSPI confirms the commitment of the journal in supporting and facilitating dissemination at an international and national level of the most advanced palaeontological studies. In this case, the BSPI is dedicated to a specific topic of great relevance, Ichnology. The collection of articles herein arise in fact from the Fourth International Congress on Ichnology “Ichnia 2016 - Ichnology for the 21st century: (palaeo)biological traces towards sustainable development”, held in Idanha-a-Nova (Portugal), 6th-9th May 2016. The main aim of this Issue is to illustrate the broad scope of Ichnology by a collection of seventeen selected contributions. These papers feature state-of-the-art approaches used in this discipline for understanding the role of trace fossils in time and space and for defining future challenges and approaches of Ichnology within a more general geological framework.

The ICHNIA Issue will be distributed to all Congress participants in addition to SPI Members, thus allowing the BSPI to reach a much wider audience than usual. At the same time, it will also represent a way to illustrate ichnological themes to Scientists and Researchers that for the most part work within other palaeontological fields.

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